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Letter dated 6 August 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the annexed letter, dated today, from my Minister for Foreign Affairs to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under item 28 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires

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ANNEX

Letter dated 6 August 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

It is reported that as many as 120,000 residents from the former Serb-occupied territories of Croatia are crossing into the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, some with the assistance of United Nations authorities.

It must be stressed that some of those crossing into our Republic belong to Martic's paramilitary forces and remain armed. Given events following the liberation of Western Slavonia, a new influx of Serb paramilitaries into the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina poses a larger threat to non-Serb communities in Serb-occupied Bosnia and significantly contributes to the deterioration of the situation here.

The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina supports United Nations action that provides for the welfare of those affected by war. It is precisely for this reason that we cannot accept the settlement of these people in our Republic, as our Government is unable to provide them with adequate assistance. Furthermore, the Government of the Republic of Croatia has guaranteed the residents of the former Serb-occupied territories full security and humanitarian necessities, consistent with Croatia's desire to reintegrate these territories with the maximum respect for human and civil rights.

In accordance with our sovereignty and territorial integrity, and keeping in mind the instability brought on by influxes of Serb paramilitary forces into Bosnia, we insist that the United Nations authorities cooperate with Croatian authorities in securing the welfare of all residents in the former Serb-occupied territories.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Minister